GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY FOR OIL EXPLORATION IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has started Seismic Survey in Tamil Nadu coast to explore the prospects of off shore oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the survey is likely to be completed?

Answer

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Panchyati Raj (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): As on 1.10.2005, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) have acquired 50,876 Line Kilometer (LK) of 2D and 2254 sq. km. of 3D seismic data offshore the Tamil Nadu coast. During the first three and half years of the Tenth Plan, ONGC acquired 7906 LK of 2D and 2137 sq. km. of 3D seismic data in the areas operated by ONGC. ONGC plan to acquire 3D seismic data in the Cauvery Offshore deepwater blocks.

(c) In addition, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons(DGH) plan to carry out seismic surveys along the East Coast of India during 2005-06 and 2006-07. Part of this survey will fall on and off the Tamil Nadu coast, and will be completed within a year of the start of survey.